



## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 12, 13 ,18 AND 19, 2025**

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 9:33 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing presentations and speakers to the draft 2026 Budget. Due to time constraints, the meeting recessed and reconvened on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1:06 pm, Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 3:02 pm, and Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3 pm. This Special Council meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Ken Sim\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 13, 2025 – 5 pm onwards; Personal Reasons – November 19, 2025)  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 13, 2025 – 5 pm onwards)  
Councillor Lisa Dominato\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 13; Personal Reasons – November 18, 2025 and November 19, 2025)  
Councillor Pete Fry\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 13, 2025)  
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Councillor Mike Klassen (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 12, 2025 – 5 pm onwards and November 13, 2025 – 12:30 pm to 5 pm)  
Councillor Lucy Maloney  
Councillor Peter Meiszner\* (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 12, 2025 – 1 pm onwards)  
Councillor Brian Montague\*  
Councillor Sean Orr  
Councillor Lenny Zhou (Leave of Absence – Civic Business – November 19, 2025 – 4:30 pm onwards)

### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:**

Donny van Dyk, City Manager  
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager  
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager  
Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager

### **CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk  
Connie Law, Meeting Coordinator (November 12 and 19, 2025)  
Irina Green, Meeting Coordinator (November 12, 2025)  
Sonia Lotay, Meeting Coordinator (November 13, 2025)  
Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator (November 18, 2025)

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

## **WELCOME**

The Mayor acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Mayor also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's team members who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

### **1. 2026 Capital and Operating Budget**

- a) 2026 Annual Review of Water Rates and Water Works By-law Amendments
- b) 2026 Annual Review of Sewer Rates – Sewer and Watercourse By-law
- c) 2026 Solid Waste Utility Fees and By-law Changes
- d) 2026 False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility Customer Rates
- e) 2026 Engineering Fees
- f) 2026 Fee Increases for Rezoning, Development, Building and Other Related Applications and Permits
- g) Proposed 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

The General Manager of Finance and Supply Chain Management, along with staff from the City's Leadership Team, provided a presentation on the Proposed 2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

Following the presentation, members of the City's Leadership Team responded to questions:

- Lon LaClaire, General Manager, Engineering Services
- Corrie Okell, General Manager, Development, Building and Licensing
- Josh White, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability
- Colin Knight, General Manager, Finance and Supply Chain Management
- Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office
- Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office
- Steve Rai, Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department
- Ben Hyman, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Public Library
- Karen Fry, Fire Chief and General Manager, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services
- Steve Jackson, General Manager, Parks and Recreation
- Maria Pontikis, Chief of External Relations

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*During questions to staff, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Fry*

*SECONDED by Councillor Bligh*

*THAT under section 5.4(e) of the Procedure By-law, Council ask a second round of questions to staff.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Subsequently, during the second round of questions to staff, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Klassen*

*SECONDED by Councillor Zhou*

*THAT under section 2.8(a) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the meeting past noon in order to finish the second round of questions.*

*carried*

*AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Fry*

*SECONDED by Councillor Bligh*

*THAT the following be added to the end of the motion:*

*FURTHER THAT, under section 5.5 of the Procedure By-law, Council suspend the rules of section 5.4 to permit a third round of questions to staff after recess.*

**LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED**

**THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11132)**

*(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)*

*(Councillor Montague absent for the vote)*

*The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY with Councillor Montague absent for vote.*

**FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED**

*THAT under section 2.8(a) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the meeting past noon in order to finish the second round of questions.*

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*On November 12, 2025, Council recessed at 12:26 pm and reconvened at 1:26 pm.*

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*Before the hearing of speakers, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung*

*SECONDED by Councillor Maloney*

*THAT under section 7.5(a) of the Procedure By-law, Council suspend the rules to permit unlimited time for the City's Union Representatives to address Council.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND*

*BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

*(Councillors Bligh and Meiszner absent for the vote)*

*Subsequently, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Fry*

*SECONDED by Councillor Maloney*

*THAT Council suspend the relevant portion of procedure 7.4A in the Procedure By-law, to permit the Chair to call for missed speakers at the end of the day they were missed, in addition to the existing procedure of calling missed speakers at the end of the speakers list, for this meeting and any reconvene dates.*

*LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED*

*THE REQUIRED MAJORITY (Vote No. 11133)*

*(Councillors Dominato, Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Montague, Zhou and Mayor Sim opposed)*

*(Councillors Bligh and Meiszner absent for the vote)*

*Before the vote, Mayor Sim relinquished the Chair to Acting Mayor Dominato in order to provide comments and resumed the Chair once finished.*

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Council heard from 384 speakers on the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget: 21 speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations, 343 speakers who spoke in opposition to the report recommendations, and 20 speakers who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

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*On November 12, 2025, after hearing speaker 106, Council recessed at 4:59 pm and reconvened at 6:03 pm to continue hearing from speakers, starting with speaker 107.*

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After hearing speaker 269, it was

MOVED by Councillor Dominato

SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the meeting recess and reconvene on November 13, 2025, at 1 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Bligh and Fry absent for the vote)

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*On November 12, 2025, Council recessed at 9:59 pm and reconvened on November 13, 2025 at 1:06 pm to continue hearing from speakers, starting with speaker 270.*

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*On November 13, 2025, during the hearing of speaker 345, Mayor Sim left the meeting and relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Kirby-Yung and resumed the Chair during the hearing of speaker 390.*

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*During the hearing of speakers on November 13, 2025, it was*

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

SECONDED by Councillor Maloney

*THAT under section 2.8(b) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the meeting past 5 pm in order to complete the hearing of speaker 449.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND

BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillors Bligh, Dominato and Fry absent for the vote)

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After hearing speaker 449 on November 13, 2025, it was

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

SECONDED by Councillor Orr

THAT the meeting recess and reconvene on November 18, 2025, at 3 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillors Bligh, Dominato and Fry absent for the vote)

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*On November 13, 2025, Council recessed at 5:03 pm and reconvened on November 18, 2025 at 3:02 pm to continue hearing from speakers, starting with speaker 450, with Acting Mayor Zhou in the Chair.*

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*During the hearing of speakers on November 18, 2025, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Klassen  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner*

*THAT Council shorten the one-hour dinner recess to thirty minutes, from 5 pm to 5:30 pm.*

*LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED  
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Bligh, Fry, Maloney and Orr opposed)  
(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)*

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*On November 18, 2025, Council recessed at 4:59 pm and reconvened at 6 pm.*

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*During the hearing of speakers on November 18, 2025, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Klassen  
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner*

*THAT under section 2.8(c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the meeting past 10 pm in order to complete hearing from speakers.*

*LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED  
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY  
(Councillors Bligh, Fry, Maloney and Orr opposed)  
(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)*

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*On November 18, 2025, Council recessed at 9:59 pm and reconvened on November 19, 2025 at 3 pm to continue hearing speakers previously missed, starting with speaker 292, with Acting Mayor Zhou in the Chair.*

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*On November 19, 2025, during the hearing of speakers, Acting Mayor Zhou left the meeting and relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Kirby-Yung.*

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*During the hearing of speakers on November 19, 2025, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Meiszner*

*SECONDED by Councillor Orr*

*THAT under section 2.8(b) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the meeting past 5 pm in order to complete the hearing of speakers.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND*

*BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

*(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)*

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOVED by Councillor Orr*

*SECONDED by Councillor Maloney*

*THAT the meeting be adjourned.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*(Councillor Dominato and Mayor Sim absent for the vote)*

The Special Council meeting adjourned on November 19, 2025, at 5:03 pm.

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